SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" I will put the question at the end."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member may put the question straightaway."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" On a point of order, Sir. I wish to draw the attention of the Chair to rule 40 of the Assembly Rules according to which no discussion shall be permitted at question-time in respect of a question or of any answer given to a question."

Prosecutions under Foodgrains Control Order.

* 3 Q.—SRI S. NARAYANAPPA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether after decontrol of foodgrains any orders have been issued in connexion with prosecutions already sanctioned regarding transport of paddy and other grains without permit when there was Foodgrains Control Order in force; and

(*b*) if so, what they are?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The instructions are that all cases dealing with offences against the Movement Control Orders in which the value of goods involved is Rs. 100 or less (at the controlled retail rates), should be withdrawn, provided the offence is not deliberate and the accused is not a regular blackmarketeer, and excepting also cases where the Collector considers it undesirable to withdraw the case, for valid reasons."

SRI S. NARAYANAPPA :—" May I know whether any instructions have been issued by the Government to the Judicial Magistrates to be sympathetic and lenient in their judgments on food control offences? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" We do not issue any instructions to the Judiciary."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know the position in respect of offences in which the value of goods involved is slightly above Rs. 100? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Marginal cases are always considered on their merits."

Drainage scheme for Tenali.

* 4 Q.—SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state what the estimated cost of the drainage scheme for Tenali is ?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The estimated cost of the drainage scheme for the Tenali Municipality is about Rs. 30·39 lakhs to install and about Rs. 63,100 per annum to maintain."